

Amendment to the Abstract

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The drawing sheets attached in connection with the above-identified application containing Figures 2(a), 2(b), 3(a), 3(b), 4 and 6(a)-6(c) are being presented as a new formal drawing sheets to be substituted for the previously submitted drawing sheets. The drawing Figures 3a, 4 and 6a-6c have been amended as follows: Figure 3a has been amended to change the middle occurrence of reference numeral "40" to "41"; Figure 4 has been amended to direct the lead line for "42" to the interior seam; and, Figures 6a-6c have been labeled as "Prior Art."